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MEMORANDUM FOR GOVERNMENTAL LIAISON AND DISCLOSURE
AREA MANAGERS

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SUBJECT: Re-issuance of Interim Guidance on Requests for Information
Relating to Specific IRS Employees Identified by IDRS Employee
Numbers

The purpose of this memorandum is to re-issue Interim Guidance Memorandum SBSE-11-0806-021 for Governmental Liaison and Disclosure employees. The memo transmitted interim guidance required for processing Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests for the name and/or other identifying information of an employee whose Integrated Data Retrieval System (IDRS) number is provided. Please disseminate this memorandum to your Disclosure staff.

A FOIA requester may provide an IDRS employee identification number and ask for the name of the IRS employee associated with the number. In response to such a request, advise the requester that the name of the IRS employee associated with a specific IDRS identification number is protected under FOIA exemption (b)(6). No research should be done to determine which employee has been assigned to any specific IDRS number or to confirm or deny any assertion by the requester of the employee's name.

The above language will be added to the IRM to provide definitive guidance to employees and ensure consistent handling of such requests. It will be incorporated into IRM 11.3.13.9, *Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)*, by December 31, 2007.

If you have any questions, please contact FOIA Senior Tax Law Specialist Malia Berumen.

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